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Jalak brings more than 17 years of experience in venture capital, technology and digital media to her role overseeing mobile technology investments on Omidyar Network's Access to Capital team.

Prior to joining Omidyar Network, Jalak led technology and digital media venture investments at the New York City Investment Fund and co-founded NYCSeed, a seed fund focused on early-stage entrepreneurs. Previously, she was Principal at New Venture Partners, a \$300 million venture fund, where she founded and served as interim CEO of Real Time Content and managed the incubation of several technologies including speech recognition/natural language processing, 3D displays, video surveillance, 4G wireless broadband and music recommendation software.

Jalak was with Intel Capital from 1999-2003; she began her career in media, telecommunications and technology sector investment banking and served on the launch team of an online financial information startup. Throughout her career Jalak has made significant contributions to both local and global programs that support social entrepreneurs, education reform and women in business. She currently advises organizations such as Techstars, NYCSeedStart, The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Echoing Green and Astia.

Jalak is also a recipient of the Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business award from the Asian-American Business Development Center. Jalak earned an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in communications from the Annenberg School and a BSE in finance from the Wharton School.